

and Kitto (without clients) about both their tribal client's cause and their fund-raising efforts with American Indians on behalf of the DNC. The second O'Connor meeting Fowler recalls was a September 1995 meeting with another O'Connor & Hannan client, Hong Kong businessman Eric Hotung, regarding a matter unrelated to the Hudson casino application.²⁶⁶ Fowler admits he knew in advance of that meeting that O'Connor was soliciting Hotung's wife, Patricia Hotung – a past DNC contributor, and a U.S. citizen – for a substantial DNC contribution.²⁶⁷

On Sept. 7, 1995, O'Connor sent a letter to Fowler stating that he had a "commitment" of \$100,000 from Patricia Hotung, and then remarking: "To make this happen, I will need your help. Eric would like appointments with the following: 1. The President; 2. Anthony Lake [then National Security Advisor to the President]; and 3. Sandy Berger [then Deputy National Security Advisor]." The letter further stated that Hotung was a "wealthy humanitarian" with high level Chinese relationships and extensive investments in Hong Kong who sought to help ease tensions between the U.S. and China.²⁶⁸ Fowler acknowledges receiving this letter in early September 1995.

²⁶⁶Fowler and other witnesses were questioned about this matter in connection with the same Senate committee investigation that examined the Hudson matter.

²⁶⁷O'Connor's billing records reflect that he first called Fowler on behalf of Eric Hotung on Aug. 15, 1995. Fowler's undated, handwritten notes of his initial phone conversation with O'Connor about Hotung show that O'Connor informed Fowler that Patricia Hotung wanted to be a DNC trustee at the \$100,000 level, and that Fowler and O'Connor discussed the possibility of identifying White House officials who "work[ed] on Chinese problems." Those notes also reflect that in this same conversation O'Connor related to Fowler the status of his various fund-raising efforts, including a comment that things were "going very well" with the Hudson opponent tribes, and that "knocking them out was key." *See* Section II.J.4., *infra*.

²⁶⁸Eric Hotung confirmed that he sought meetings with U.S. officials so he could play a role in U.S.-Chinese official interaction in view of the imminent change in control of Hong Kong.